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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1954 -

Males - 334,867

Females - 314,493

Persons - 649,360

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	441	484	1,428	1,410
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.95	8.98	8.89	9.03
Births - Number	1,572	1,343	4,081	3,748
* Rate per 1000 of Population	28.34	24.91	25.40	23.99
Deaths - Number	530	376	1,259	1,163
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.56	6.97	7.84	7.44
Infant - Number	44	24	93	74
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.99	17.87	22.79	19.74
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	3	4	8	6
Malignant neoplasms	66	76	169	201
Diabetes mellitus	2	1	12	11
Diseases of blood, etc.	4	1	5	7
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	68	40	153	137
Diseases of the heart	161	101	370	320
Hypertension with heart disease	17	7	49	35
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	12	4	23	16
Arteriosclerosis	10	15	31	37
Influenza	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	15	6	43	30
Bronchitis	1	1	5	7
Other respiratory disease	4	4	9	12
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	9	10
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	2	5	12
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	2	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	2	3	4
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	4	14	15
Disease of the prostate	7	-	12	5
Maternal causes	1	-	2	1
Diseases of early infancy	19	15	51	40
Motor Vehicle accidents	14	14	53	44
Other accidents	37	28	76	65
Suicide	8	4	23	19
All other causes	64	43	132	124
Total:	530	376	1,259	1,163

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, 1955, totalled 217,600 acres, a decrease of 101,840 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,635,890 acres, an increase of 271,031.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,922,983	4,174,246	35,634,941	33,632,235
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 19. 11	6. 11. 3	55. 1. 6	53. 9. 11
Expenditure	3,854,648	3,671,514	36,906,083	35,123,603
Expenditure per Head of Population	5. 17. 9	5. 15. 5	57. 0. 10	55. 17. 4

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 30th April, 1955, amounted to £52,672,210 or £80.8.4 per head of population as against £51,252,692 or £80.9.5 per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for 4 weeks ended 27th April, 1955, amounted to £13,766,112 compared with £13,788,586 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,479	2,182	18,761	20,269
	£.	2,520,330	3,603,182	28,846,449	29,940,434
Mortgages	No.	1,134	1,713	13,929	16,698
	£.	2,457,394	2,839,570	26,460,883	26,588,150
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	739	1,175	9,302	10,880

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
April, 1955	3,338,682	2,161,772	9,222,367	390,499
April, 1954	3,763,233	1,964,849	8,810,825	509,670
Ten Months ended April, 1955	37,609,294	20,562,902	90,430,376	4,724,178
Ten Months ended April, 1954	33,721,526	21,613,210	78,910,484	4,866,877

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

187 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £24,459,501 and 87 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 162 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £12,755,003 and 63 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Ten Months ended APRIL					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	47	95,618	42,316	41	123,659	83,324
Deeds of Assignment (a)	25	111,003	132,941	16	69,401	88,546
Deeds of Arrangement	1	1,223	274	-	-	-

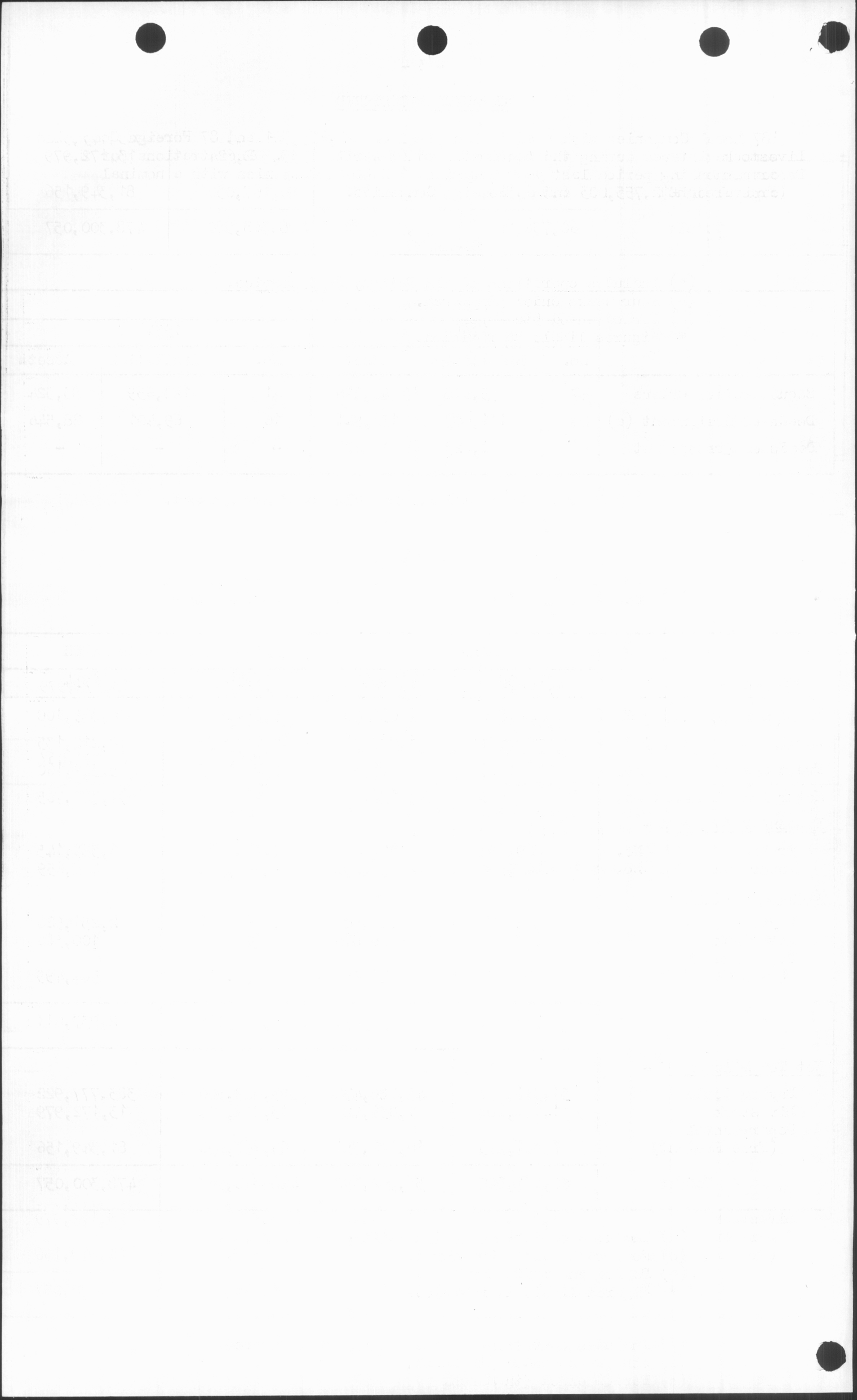
(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,160,900	1,038,500	9,261,900	8,349,100
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,229,481	1,207,715	10,133,278	10,212,135
Train Miles Run No.	694,287	617,339	5,740,979	5,362,160
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 116,540	(b) 136,880	(c) 1,114,149	(c) 1,381,765
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	869,632	745,026	7,245,934	6,389,145
Motor Bus No.	28,940	32,098	262,516	418,659
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	322,867	268,805	2,395,921	2,251,926
Livestock	9,053	8,810	100,783	100,586
Departmental (Free Freight)	83,378	79,255	698,314	584,499
Total:	415,298	356,870	3,195,018	2,937,011
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	51,331,097	45,788,474	399,009,300	383,777,922
Livestock	1,142,182	1,031,425	13,372,624	13,172,979
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,321,543	10,122,751	86,167,056	81,349,156
Total:	60,794,822	56,942,650	498,548,980	478,300,057

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
 (b) Four weeks ended 5th March.
 (c) Period ended 5th March.
 * Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
1955 -								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
1955 -								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for February, 1955:-
96 Cars; 770 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, March, 1955 and 1954, and nine months ended March, 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	5,302	3,326	36,227	30,316	8,200	5,736	54,039	57,138
	6,184	5,799	67,601	59,240	2,488	1,064	16,003	14,872
Total:	11,486	9,125	103,828	89,556	10,688	6,800	70,042	72,010

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955 - March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION (Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,825	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955 - March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280

GOLD PRODUCTION

	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	62,211	70,165	303,011	299,040
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	972,044	1,086,977	4,734,547	4,632,595
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	NIL	NIL	221,875	109,375

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2,819	2,731	2,824	2,668	2,514	2,348	2,501	2,320
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2,981	2,852	2,942	2,778	2,452	2,407	2,437	2,377
Northam	2,885	2,737	2,854	2,675	2,481	2,360	2,447	2,336
Bunbury	2,866	2,782	2,862	2,696	2,519	2,376	2,483	2,339
Geraldton	2,896	2,816	2,890	2,749	2,643	2,473	2,620	2,443
Collie	2,914	2,804	2,896	2,727	2,326	2,265	2,314	2,235

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328			
May	134,347	42,768	177,115			
June	134,969	42,685	177,754			
July	134,232	42,947	177,179			
August	134,960	42,933	177,893			
September	134,947	43,186	178,133			
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	
May	216	214	222	231	
June	215	211	220	230	
July	218	211	221	229	
August	217	212	221	229	
September	216	211	223	228	
October	217	212	224	230	
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/7/53	12. 6. 6	8. 0. 3	12. 6. 0	7. 19. 11	12. 9. 4	8. 2. 1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

PARTICULARS	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	37,403	33,712	378,054	328,229
Units Sent out (1000 K.W.H.)	33,191	30,104	338,406	293,988

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
April, 1955	6,990	173	64,475	10,088
April, 1954	7,950	308	68,271	7,824
10 Months ended April, 1955	97,396	3,793	1,001,921	137,280
10 Months ended April, 1954	89,264	4,608	917,082	88,900

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955 -										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February (a)	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
Total 3 months ended March	1,270	508	565	216	1,835	724	33	28	687	283

(a) Revised.

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ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	APRIL		10 Months Ended APRIL	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath-Heaters - solid fuel	no.	762	1,263	6,470	7,822
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	683	1,062	10,781	7,661
- Clay	'000	8,268	8,357	84,801	75,452
Cement, Portland	ton	10,500	11,600	114,769	102,520
Enamels	gal.	3,172	3,611	32,654	38,917
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	209	181	2,098	1,857
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	16,691	23,251	191,105	155,212
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	822	652	8,977	7,619
Timber, Sawm	'000 sup.ft.	(a)20,740	(a)19,000	(b)167,173	(b)163,785
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,303	1,106	9,219	7,922
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	1,681	2,219	20,262	21,795
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,047	3,619	44,290	42,396
Sports Coats Men's	no.	435	684	7,386	7,439
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	223	226	3,302	4,443
- 2 piece	no.	1,709	2,326	19,800	21,582
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,427	4,078	42,656	46,487
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	11,968	18,251	121,967	120,163
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	33,821	34,843	340,782	412,958
Sandals	pair	697	356	134,435	124,364
Slippers	pair	29,738	51,071	332,440	511,571
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	531	629	6,117	6,557
Butter	'000 lb.	329	203	14,071	12,496
Cheese	'000 lb.	45	50	2,168	2,503
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	243	249	3,099	2,846
Jams	'000 lb.	34	55	516	656
Margarine	'000 lb.	98	127	986	987
Oatmeal	cwt.	7,573	11,263	40,491	85,907
Sauce - Tomato	pint	36,370	31,268	513,906	551,433
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	99	101	1,113	1,142
- Nitric	cwt.	8	28	152	184
- Sulphuric	ton	15,813	11,030	135,734	123,368
Cycles, Pedal	no.	515	736	6,929	7,144
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	115	121	1,194	1,185
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,652	1,809	18,018	16,707
- Woven Wire	no.	3,963	2,617	29,118	25,769
- Soft Filled	no.	3,383	4,075	35,233	38,037
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	75	83	862	915
Utilities (all types)	no.	26	36	287	192
Trailers (all types)	no.	29	13	184	141
Perambulators	no.	59	90	650	917

(a) March figures, April unavailable.

(b) Nine months ended March.

815	803	83	73	no.	Motor Vehicle License -
816	887	73	73	no.	Tractor License
817	194	73	73	no.	Tractor License (Special)
818	820	73	73	no.	Tractor License (Special)
819		73	73	no.	Tractor License

(a) - Motor Vehicle License, April 1973
 (b) - Motor Vehicle License, April 1973

820					
821					
822					
823					

824					
825					
826					
827					

(a) - Motor Vehicle License, April 1973
 (b) - Motor Vehicle License, April 1973